

REMARKS

Claim 1 and dependent claims 2 and 5 are pending.

Applicants have carefully considered the Office Action mailed March 5, 2007, propose hereby an amended claim 1 and a Rule 132 Declaration, and submit that the claims that would remain after entry of this amendment patentably differ from the applied prior art.

Claim 1 now recites a powder of a thermosetting resin comprising a "novolak type phenolic resin" and also makes the changes kindly suggested by the Examiner to improve readability.

The attached Rule 132 Declaration compares using "novolak type phenolic resin" with the resin used in Example 4 in Renfrew et al. U.S. Patent 2,199,597. Applicants submit based on the Declaration that the superior results in the case of using novolak type phenolic resin are unexpected and suggest non-obviousness of the subject matter of amended claim 1 over the applied reference.

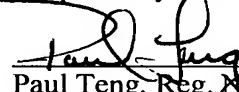
The use of novolak type phenolic resin is disclosed in the application as originally filed. *See, e.g.*, page 7, lines 27-28 and page 8, lines 2 and 10.

In view of the amendments to the claims and remarks hereinabove, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance. Accordingly, Applicants earnestly solicit allowance.

If a petition for an extension of time is required to make this response timely, this paper should be considered to be such a petition. The Patent Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees that are required in connection with this amendment and to credit any overpayment to our Deposit Account No. 03-3125.

If a telephone interview could advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is respectfully requested to call the undersigned attorney.

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